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**1. External Trade Performance.**

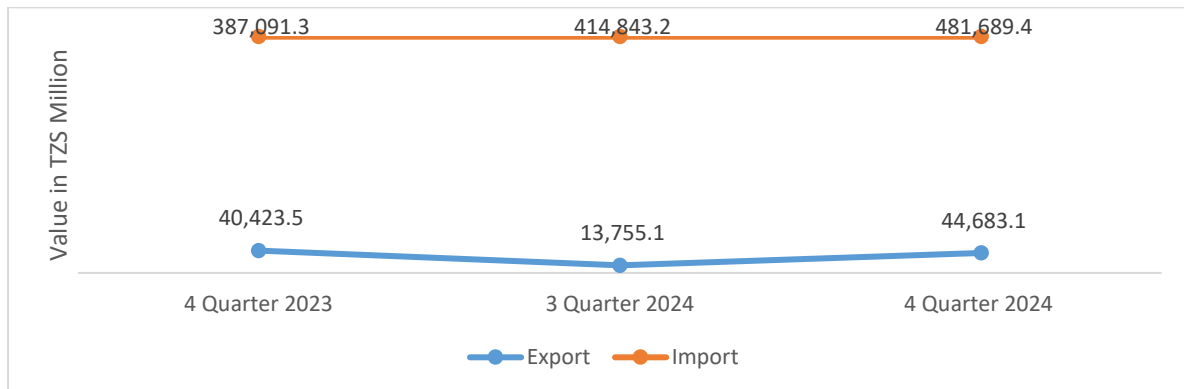
Total trade for the fourth quarter, 2024 reached to TZS 526,372.4 million; in which exports value worth TZS 44,683.1 million (domestic export contributes 42,264.0 million and re-export contributes 2,419.1 TZS million) and import worth TZS 481,689.4 million. The trade balance showed a deficit of TZS 437,006.3 Million (Table 1; figure 1).

**Figure 1: Trade Performance for the Q4, 2024**



The trend indicates that, total exports increased 10.5 percent compared with corresponding quarter of 2023 and more than one hundred percent compared to previous quarter. The exportation of cloves in the fourth quarter led to the decreased in the value of exports. Imports value increased by 24.4 percent compared with corresponding quarter of 2023 and increased by 16.1 compared by previous quarter (Figure 2).

**Figure 2: Trend Performance of Export and Import, Q4- 2023, Q3 & Q4- 2024**



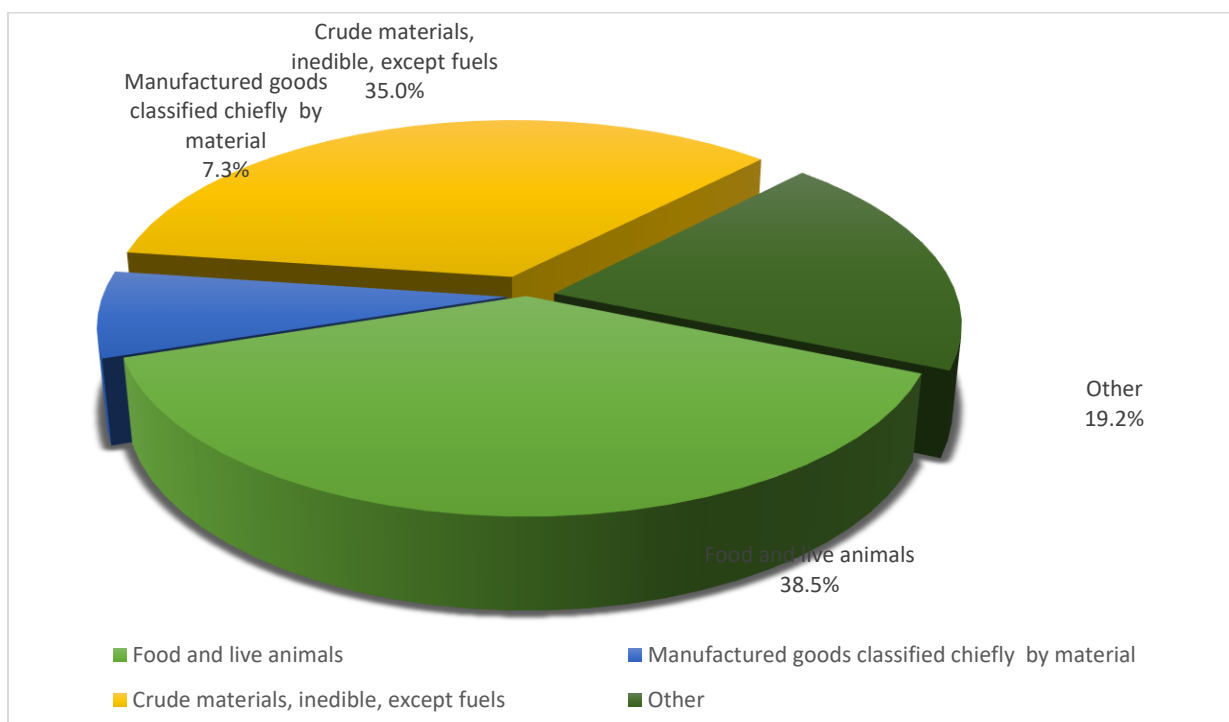
## 2. Exports Statistics

### 2.1. Exports by SITC section

The value of exports includes ‘Export of goods for direct home use, Re-export after outright importation, Re-export after temporary import of goods on hire purchase and re-export after customers warehousing procedure.

In the fourth quarter of 2024, food and live animals section contributed 38.5 percent of the total exports followed by Crude materials inedible, except fuels 35.0 percent. (Figure 3 and table 2).

**Figure 3: Percentage Distribution of Exports by SITC Section, Q4 – 2024**

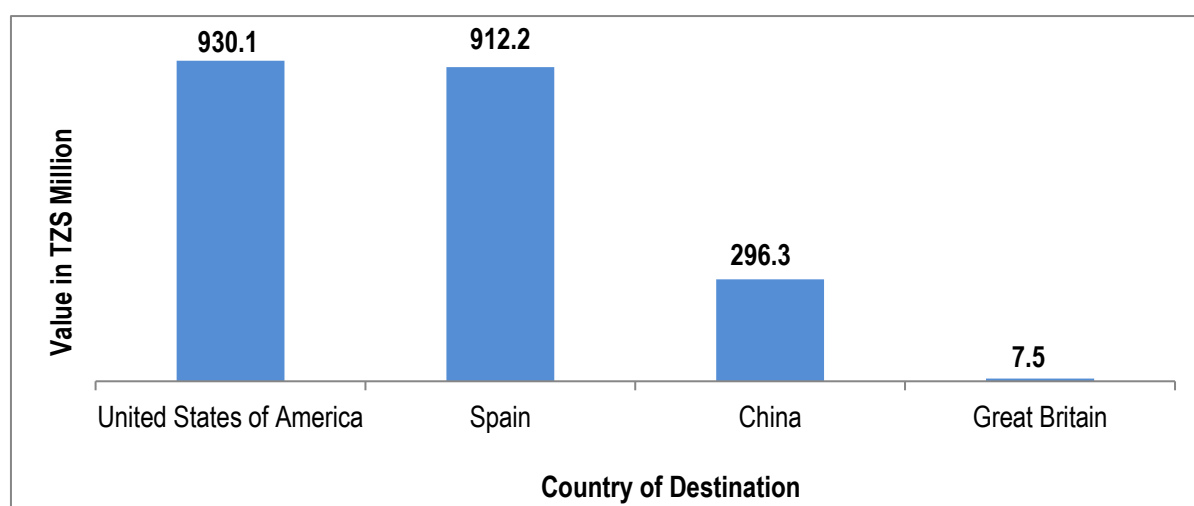


## 2.2. Exports of Main Cash Crops

A total of 1,571.9 tons, valued at TZS 2,150.5 Millions of Seaweeds have exported in the fourth quarter of 2024, showing at decreasing value by 42.0 percent compared with the corresponding quarter of 2023 and increased by 77.0 percent compared with the previous quarter (Figure 5 and table 3).

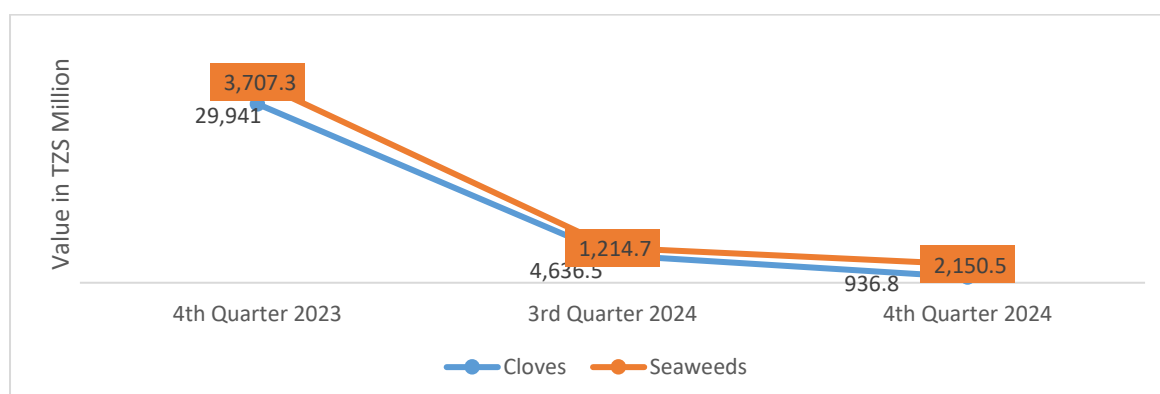
Exports of Seaweeds shows that decreased by 4.8 percent of the total export value, which have exported on about four countries as shown in figure 4.

**Figure 4: Exports of Seaweeds by Countries of Destination, Q4 - 2024**



A total of 74.1 tons, valued at TZS 936.8 Millions of Cloves were exported in the fourth quarter of 2024, the value has decreased by 97.1 percent compared with corresponding quarter and increased by 79.8 percent compared with previous quarter. (figure 5 and table 3).

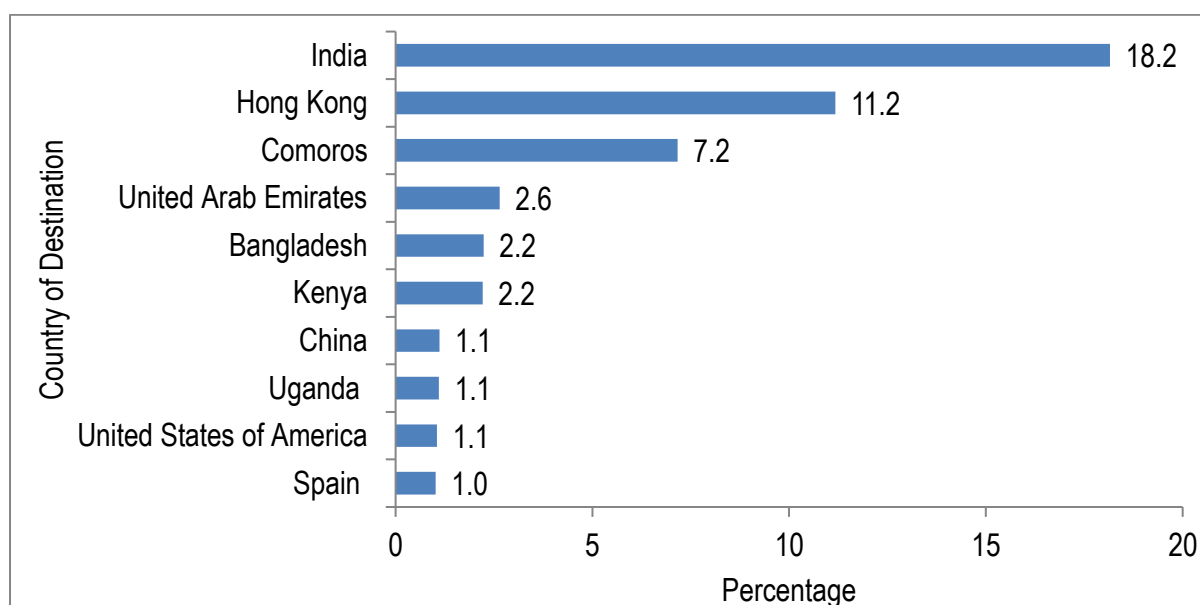
**Figure 5 : Trend of Exported Cloves and Seaweeds, Q4 - 2023, Q3 & Q4 - 2024**



### 2.3. Exports by Top Ten Countries of Destination

The top ten trading partners for exported goods in the fourth quarter of 2024 were India, Hong Kong, Comoros, United Arab Emirates, Bangladesh, Kenya, China, Uganda, United States of America, and Spain with a total value of TZS 44,683.1 million that accounted 95.8 percent of the total value of exported goods (Figure 6).

**Figure 6: Distribution of Exports Value by Top Five Countries of Destination, Q4, 2024**



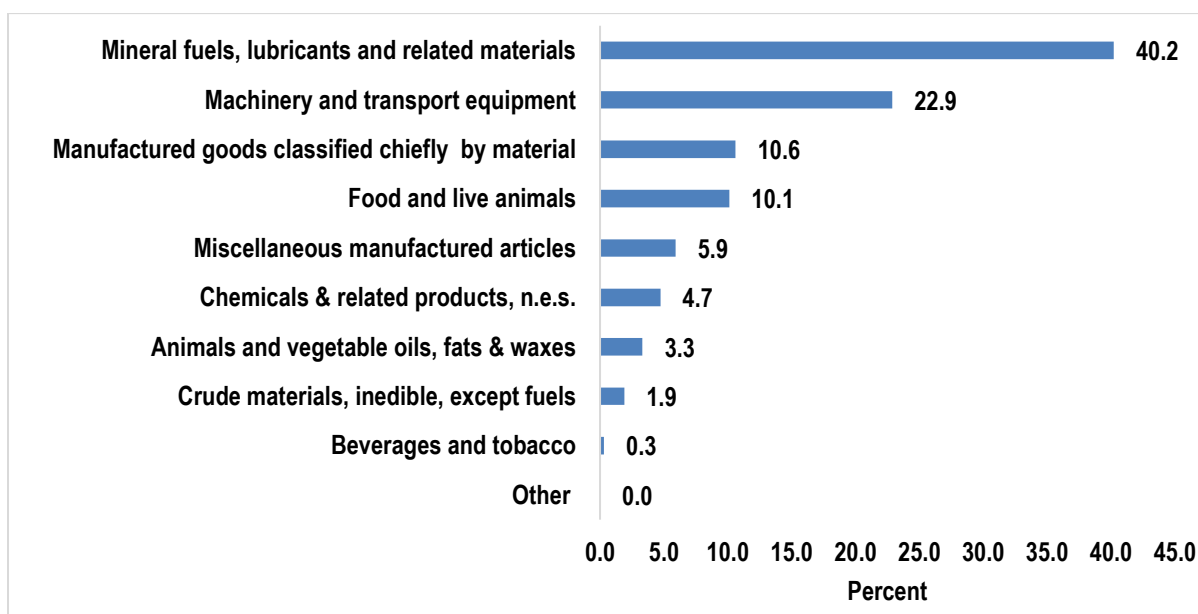
## 3. Imports Statistics

The value of imports includes ‘Importation for direct home use (duty and tax fully paid)’, ‘Importation by, or solely for use in Zanzibar’ and other importation procedure (Excludes all transfer goods).

### 3.1. Imports by SITC Section

In the fourth quarter of 2024, Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials contributed 40.2 percent and Machine and transport equipment which contributed about 22.9 percent of the total import, the performance of other categories are as shown in figure 7 and table 6.

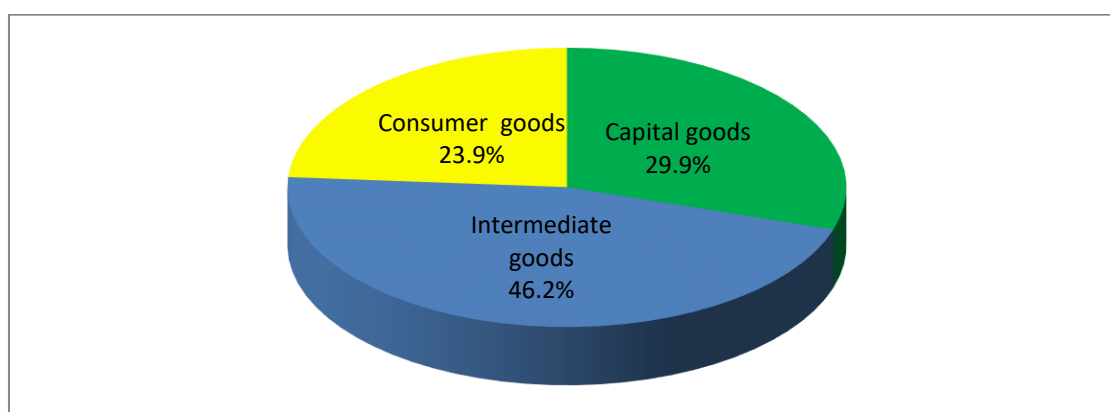
**Figure 6: Percentage Distributions of Imports by SITC Section, Q4, 2024.**



### 3.2. Import by Categories

In the fourth quarter, import of intermediate goods reached to TZS 222,706.0 million of total import (46.2 percent) while capital goods reached to TZS 144,084.7 million (29.9 percent) and import of consumer goods reached to 114,898.6 million (23.9 percent) at the fourth quarter of 2024 are as shown in figure (Figure 8 and table 7).

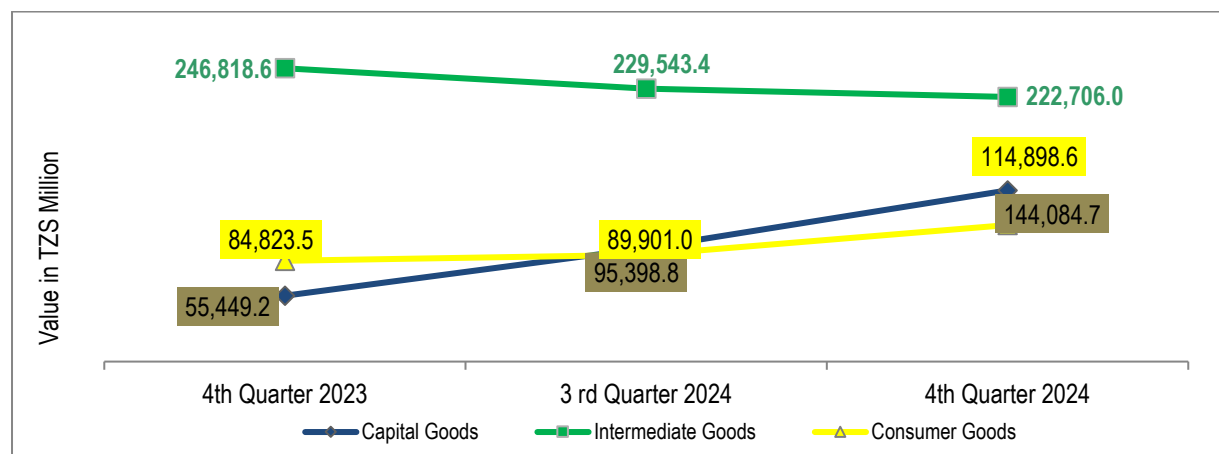
**Figure 7: Percent Distribution of Import Value by Broad Economic Categories, Q4, 2024.**



The Imported value of consumer goods for the fourth quarter increased by 35.5 percent compared with corresponding quarter and by 27.8 percent compared to the previous quarter. Imports of intermediary goods decreased by 9.7 percent compared with corresponding quarter and by 2.9 percent compared to the previous quarter. Import of capital goods increased by

more than one hundred percent and increased by 51.0 percent for the corresponding quarter and previous quarter respectively. (Figure 9 and Table 7).

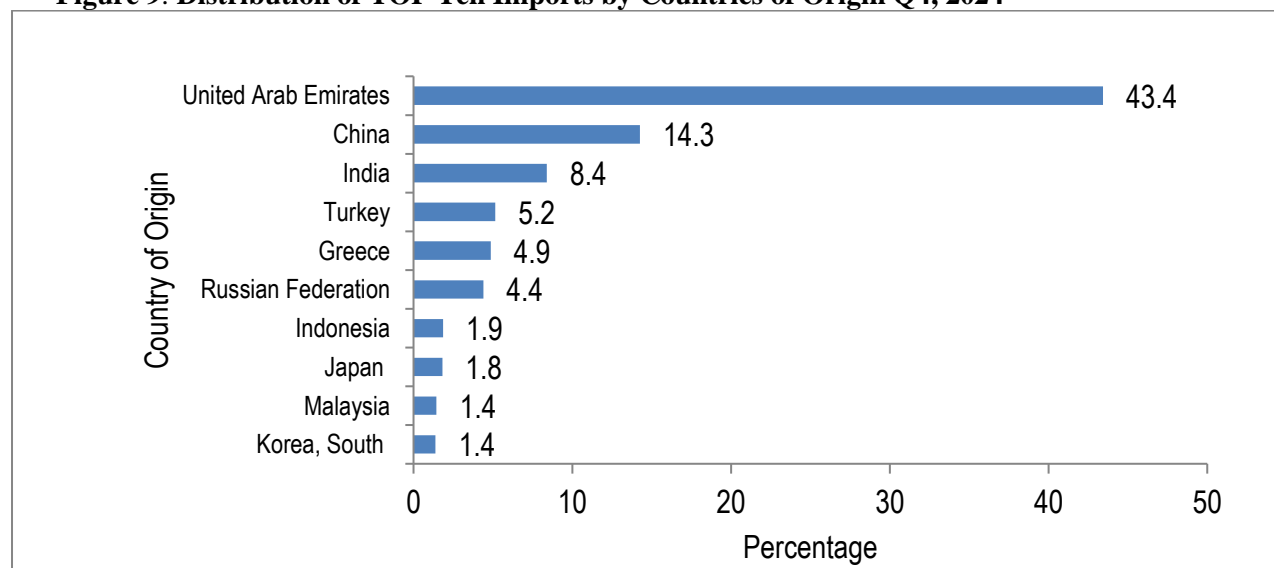
**Figure 8: Import by Broad Economic Categories, Q4 - 2023, Q3 & Q4 - 2024**



### 3.3. Imports by Country of Origin

The top ten trading partners for imported goods in the fourth quarter of 2024 contributed a value of TZS 481,689.3 million, equivalent to 87.0 percent of the total import. United Arab Emirates was the top by accounting 43.4 percent of the value of the imported goods. (Figure 11 and table 9).

**Figure 9: Distribution of TOP Ten Imports by Countries of Origin Q4, 2024**

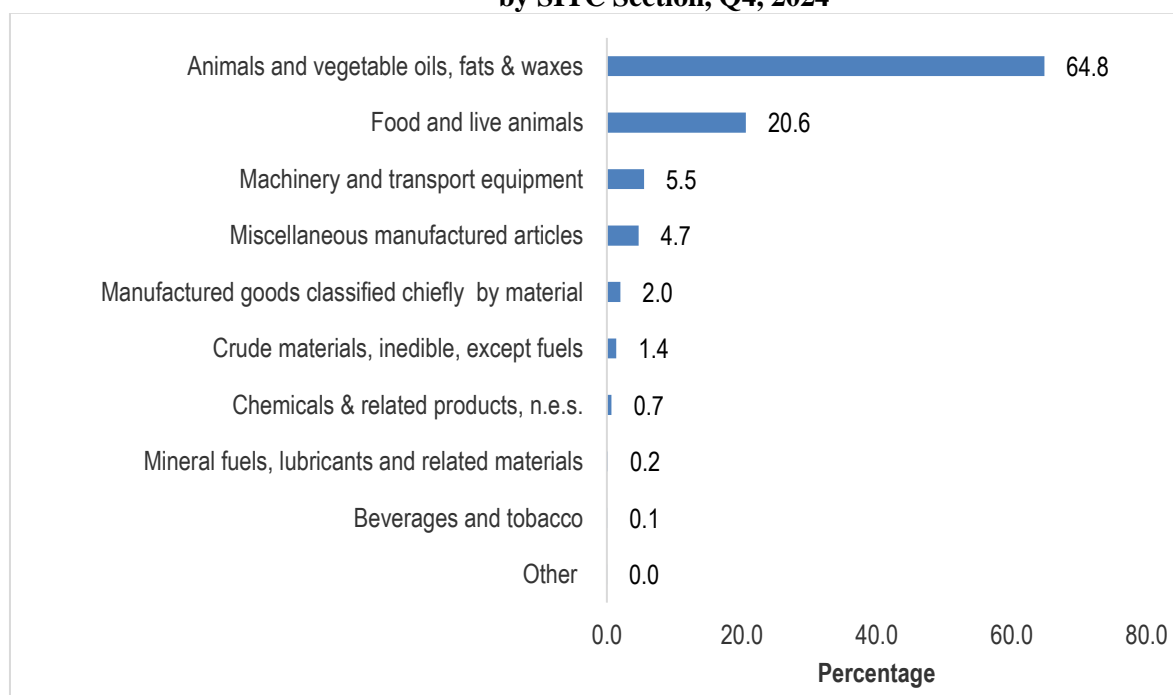


## 4. Transferred goods

A total of goods worth TZS 41,944.6 Million transferred to Tanzania Mainland from Zanzibar in the fourth quarter of 2024 (Figure 13). Percentage transferred of goods shows that 64.8 percent (TZS 27,197.3 Million) of the total value of transferred goods were Animal and

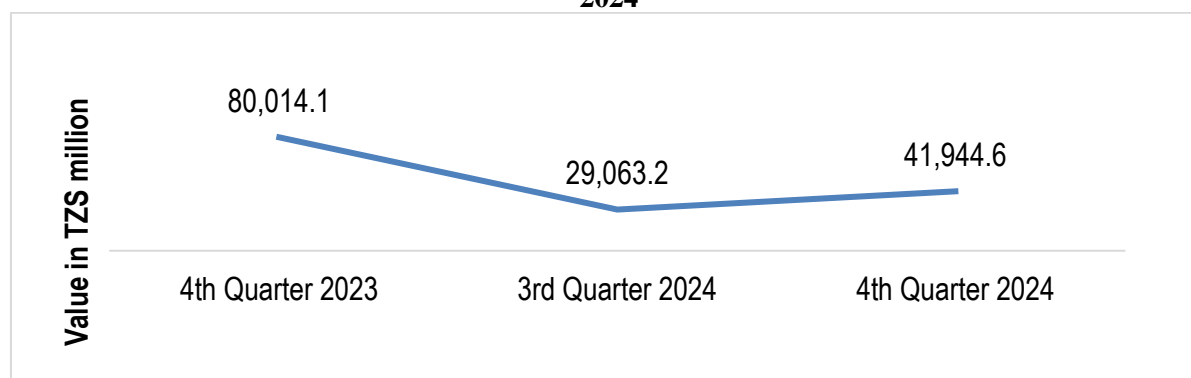
vegetable oils, fats & waxes, Food and live animals while 20.6 percent (TZS 8,649.5 million) were Machinery and transport equipment were 5.5 percent (TZS 2,307.4). Miscellaneous manufactured articles were 4.7 percent (TZS 1,969.0). Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material were 2.0 percent (TZS 842.1 Million). Crude materials, inedible, except fuels were 1.4 percent (TZS 842.1). Chemicals & related products, n.e.s were 0.7 percent (TZS 292.7 Million). Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials were 0.2 (TZS 65.8). Beverages and tobacco were 0.1 percent (TZS 28.4). The performance of other transferred goods are as shown in figure 12 and Table 10.

**Figure 10: Percentage Distribution of Transferred Goods from Zanzibar to Tanzania Mainland by SITC Section, Q4, 2024**



The trend shows that value of transferred goods to Tanzania Mainland from Zanzibar decreased by 47.6 percent compared with the corresponding quarter and increased by 44.3 percent previous quarter of 2024. (Figure 13 and Table 10).

**Figure 13: Transferred Goods from Zanzibar to Tanzania Mainland, Q4 - 2023, Q3 & Q4 – 2024**



## 5. Annex Table

**Table 1: Total Trade Value and Balance of Trade, Q4 - 2023, Q3 & Q4 - 2024**

Description	Value in Million TZS		
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024
<b>Exports</b>	<b>40,423.5</b>	<b>13,755.1</b>	<b>44,683.1</b>
Domestics export	40,415.5	13,088.1	42,264.0
Re-export	8.1	667.0	2,419.1
<b>Imports</b>	<b>387,091.3</b>	<b>414,843.2</b>	<b>481,689.4</b>
<b>Total Trade Value</b>	<b>427,514.9</b>	<b>428,598.3</b>	<b>526,372.4</b>
<b>Balance of Trade</b>	<b>-346,667.8</b>	<b>-401,088.1</b>	<b>-437,006.3</b>
<b>Mean Exchange Rate (USD)</b>	<b>2,506.0</b>	<b>2689.8</b>	<b>2,579.8</b>

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), Dar-es-Salaam

**Table 2: Exports by SITC Section, Q4 - 2023, Q3 & Q4 - 2024**

SITC Section	Value in million TZS		
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024
Food and live animals	35,705.7	10,901.3	17,206.1
Beverages and tobacco	97.3	262.0	390.9
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	316.6	497.5	15,614.3
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.0	0.0	0.0
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.0	5.7	0.0
Chemicals & related products, not elsewhere specified.	625.3	184.6	15.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3,392.8	880.2	3,262.5
Machinery and transport equipment	41.3	671.0	65.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	244.6	352.6	8,128.6
Other	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,423.5</b>	<b>13,755.0</b>	<b>44,683.1</b>

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), Dar-es-Salaam

**Table 3: Quantity and Value of Exported Main Cash Crops, Q4 - 2023, Q3 & Q4 - 2024**

Quarters	Cloves		Seaweeds	
	Tons	Value	Tons	Value
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023</b>	1,673.0	29,940.6	2,297.1	3,707.3
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024</b>	257.3	4,636.5	811.7	1,214.7
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024</b>	74.1	936.8	1,571.9	2,150.5

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Headquarters Dar-es-salaam



**Table 4: Exports by Countries of Destination, Q3 - 2023, Q2 & Q3 - 2024**

Value in million TZS			
Country	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024
Hong Kong	40.6	77.8	9,986.8
India	7,232.9	4,414.6	16,223.4
China	935.5	2,151.5	997.1
United States of America	1,527.4	864.2	942.0
Bangladesh	172.9	1,010.1	2,000.5
United Arab Emirates	16.3	652.8	2,364.5
Spain	1,061.7	54.6	912.2
Kenya	2,164.0	580.3	1,977.8
Uganda	921.3	68.0	983.4
Pakistan	291.4	57.4	0.2
Oman	896.1	22.5	613.1
Vietnam	237.3	742.0	455.1
France	176.4	647.7	110.7
Congo (Brazzaville)	23,182.6	1.9	93.9
Germany	96.4	97.0	348.6
Great Britain	35.8	56.1	87.4
Malaysia	78.3	60.0	48.1
Switzerland	59.7	0.5	38.7
Comoros	551.6	1,356.8	6,406.9
Other	745.3	839.2	92.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,423.5</b>	<b>13,755.0</b>	<b>44,683.1</b>

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Headquarters Dar-es- salaam

**Table 5: Value of Exports by Section, Q4 - 2023, Q3 & Q4 - 2024**

Section Description	Value in Million TZS		
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024
Live animals; animal's products.	3,856.1	1,881.0	835.9
Vegetable products	33,794.4	7,438.9	3,608.5
Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	0.0	5.7	0.0
Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,427.4	2,129.3	13,291.7
Mineral products	0.0	0.0	4.7
Products of the chemical or allied industries	321.5	54.1	11.3
Plastic & articles thereof, rubber and articles thereof	201.4	143.3	121.6
Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut)	7.9	6.5	4.2
Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basket ware and wickerwork	4.7	9.6	10.2
Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof	3.0	11.5	11.7
Textiles & textiles articles	3,083.5	524.1	3,115.0
Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	2.1	2.4	6.5
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	2.5	23.1	46.2
Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelers; coin	0.0	0.0	0.0
Base metal & articles of base metal	516.4	641.4	15,538.3
Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	35.0	615.2	61.5
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	6.3	79.1	5.0
Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	1.6	15.4	2,357.2
Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof.	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	146.5	174.1	5,653.7
Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	0.0	0.1	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,423.5</b>	<b>13,755.0</b>	<b>44,683.1</b>

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Headquarters Dar-es- salaam

**Table 6: Imports by SITC Section, Q4 - 2023, Q3 & Q4 – 2024**

Value in million TZS

SITC Section	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024
Food and live animals	46,988.0	33,561.4	48,780.3
Beverages and tobacco	766.1	1,522.4	1,488.6
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2,939.9	7,218.9	9,144.8
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	219,671.1	194,661.1	193,764.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	15,740.4	17,125.4	15,993.3
Chemicals & related products, not elsewhere specified	9,375.2	14,306.9	22,761.9
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	36,147.8	49,907.3	51,089.3
Machinery and transport equipment	35,024.5	67,694.1	110,163.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	20,438.2	28,845.6	28,502.6
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>387,091.3</b>	<b>414,843.2</b>	<b>481,689.4</b>

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Headquarters Dar-es- salaam

**Table 7: Import by Categories Q4 - 2023, Q3 & Q4 – 2024**

Value in Million TZS

Categories	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024
<b>Capital Goods</b>	<b>55,449.2</b>	<b>95,398.8</b>	<b>144,084.7</b>
<i>Transport Equipment</i>	13,392.5	20,944.3	61,528.6
<i>Building and Construction material</i>	20,199.9	26,505.6	31,567.8
<i>Machinery</i>	21,856.7	47,948.9	50,988.3
<b>Intermediate Goods</b>	<b>246,818.6</b>	<b>229,543.4</b>	222,706.0
<i>Oil</i>	219,672.1	194,661.1	193,767.7
<i>Industrial raw materials</i>	27,146.6	34,882.2	28,938.3
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>84,823.5</b>	<b>89,901.0</b>	<b>114,898.6</b>
<i>Food and food stuffs</i>	47,484.2	34,659.4	49,302.9
<i>All other consumer goods</i>	37,339.3	55,241.6	65,595.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>387,091.3</b>	<b>414,843.2</b>	<b>481,689.4</b>

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), Dar-es-Salaam

**Table 8: Imports by Countries of Origin, Q4 - 2023, Q3 & Q4 - 2024**

Value in Million TZS

Country	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024
United Arab Emirates	232,374.4	214,548.8	209,166.4
China	32,011.0	60,831.7	68,719.8
India	19,179.7	21,871.2	40,444.5
Spain	477.1	236.8	1,595.1
Malaysia	8,741.2	10,539.6	6,957.9
Russian Federation	9,587.1	11,763.0	21,184.1
Oman	967.4	4,899.0	3,634.1
Switzerland	0.8	2,358.1	222.3
Turkey	18,108.9	24,873.8	24,838.6
Brazil	9,856.1	6,399.9	
Japan	7,191.2	6,706.6	8,739.4
Indonesia	5,860.8	10,311.0	8,961.1
Italy	833.8	4,040.9	5,410.2
Hong Kong	2,592.4	4,179.3	3,487.3
Great Britain	2,101.0	3,179.2	4,637.1
Pakistan	24,071.8	5,442.2	3,422.7
Korea, South	666.3	889.8	6,678.4
United States of America	987.4	1,765.3	965.0
Thailand	1,829.0	923.2	843.1
France	247.8	395.2	1,183.3
Canada	96.2	169.4	990.7
Kenya	704.8	803.1	733.8
Other	8,605.1	17,716.1	58,874.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>387,091.3</b>	<b>414,843.2</b>	<b>481,689.4</b>

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Headquarters Dar-es- salaam

**Table 9: Transfer of Imported Goods from Zanzibar to Tanzania Mainland, Q4 - 2023, Q3 & Q4 - 2024**

Value in Million TZS

SITC Section	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024
Food and live animals	206.5	193.8	8,649.5
Beverages and tobacco	14.7	232.7	28.4
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	130.7	287.7	592.4
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	45.7	5,520.8	65.8
Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	308.1	553.7	27,197.3
Chemicals & related products, not elsewhere specified	195.0	119.6	292.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	685.1	10,278.1	842.1
Machinery and transport equipment	78,028.0	11,487.2	2,307.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	400.1	389.5	1,969.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,014.1</b>	<b>29,063.2</b>	<b>41,944.6</b>

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Headquarters Dar-es- salaam

**Table 10: Imports by Section, Q4 - 2023, Q3 & Q4 - 2024**

Section Description	Value in Million TZS		
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024
Live animals; animal's products.	1,988.2	5,935.5	3,856.1
Vegetable products	32,086.5	14,846.5	29,074.7
Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	15,822.9	17,203.8	16,170.0
Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	13,736.9	14,922.8	18,587.7
Mineral products	223,881.3	201,463.0	196,667.9
Products of the chemical or allied industries	6,976.6	11,125.3	14,793.5
Plastic & articles thereof, rubber and articles thereof	6,677.2	8,568.3	12,561.5
Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut)	305.9	403.1	348.0
Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basket ware and wickerwork	1,208.9	4,118.4	3,761.0
Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof	2,211.2	2,078.3	3,115.8
Textiles & textiles articles	13,561.8	20,545.6	21,190.0
Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	1,268.3	2,349.5	2,499.4
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	4,260.9	9,278.6	10,447.9
Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelers; coin	269.3	186.0	218.1
Base metal & articles of base metal	16,595.4	18,985.4	23,017.5
Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	21,856.7	47,948.9	50,988.3
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	13,392.5	20,944.3	61,528.6
Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	4,256.7	3,363.7	2,504.1
Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof.	1.8	0.1	0.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,725.4	10,536.3	10,347.7
Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	6.9	40.0	11.0
<b>Total</b>		<b>414,843.2</b>	<b>481,689.4</b>

Source: Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Headquarters Dar-es- salaam

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